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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

I have reviewed the report submitted to you under date of 16 October 1952 by DD/P entitled "Reduction of Covert Operational Activities." This report is based on the recommendations of the Special Board (Murder Board), which are attached, and recommends an amount of to carry forward NSC 10/2 - 10/5 projects for FY 1953. This is a reduction from approximately previously estimated by the various OPC divisions as needed to carry on their operations in FY 1953.

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The approval of the Special Board recommendations, as amended by DD/P, is recommended, subject to the following qualifications:

- 1. This action shall not be deemed to constitute approval for indefinite continuance of all the projects specified. It means that subject to action taken by the DCI on programs and projects since 1 October 1952 and subject to future actions by the DCI, the projects specified shall be continued through FY 1953 at the rates, generally reduced, stated in the Special Board's recommendations as amended by the DD/P. These projects are under continuous review by DD/P and will also be reviewed as a part of the Area Programs which are being currently presented to the PRC and PSB.
 - 2. The various proposals in the report with respect to

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shall be immediately reviewed by the

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D/DCI in the light of information received subsequent to the preparation of the report and the D/DCI's recommendations shall be submitted to the DCI.

3. The DD/P shall be directed to carry forward promptly a further review of certain projects including in particular (1)

operations and (2) our position with respect to the with a view to submitting revised recommendations

in these two fields to the DCI.

4. Approval of this memorandum by the DCI will authorize the Comptroller to allot funds to the projects listed in the recommendations of the Special Board, as amended by the DD/P's memorandum of 16 October 1952 in the amounts specified in such recommendations, as so amended, except in cases in which the DCI has already acted on projects or shall hereafter act, in which cases, the later action of the DCI will be controlling.

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